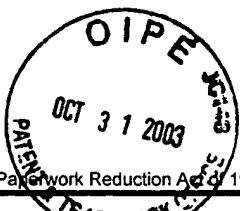


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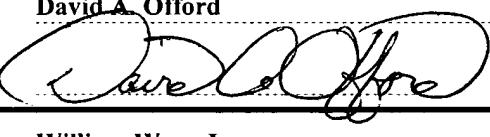
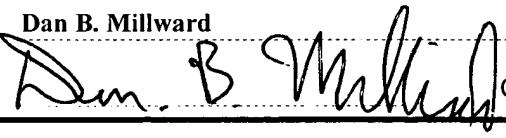
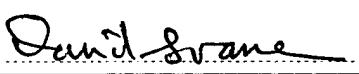


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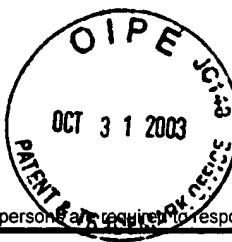
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<p>As the below named inventor(s), I/we declare that:</p> <p>This declaration is directed to:</p> <p><input type="checkbox"/> The attached application, or  <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Application No. 10/624,095, filed on 07/21/2003,  <input type="checkbox"/> as amended on n/a (if applicable);</p> <p>I/we believe that I/we am/are the original and first inventor(s) of the subject matter which is claimed and for which a patent is sought;</p> <p>I/ we have reviewed and understand the contents of the above-identified application, including the claims, as amended by any amendment specifically referred to above;</p> <p>I/we acknowledge the duty to disclose to the United States Patent and Trademark Office all information known to me/us to be material to patentability as defined in 37 CFR 1.56, including for continuation-in-part applications, material information which became available between the filing date of the prior application and the national or PCT International filing date of the continuation-in-part application.</p> <p>All statements made herein of my/our own knowledge are true, all statements made herein on information and belief are believed to be true, and further that these statements were made with the knowledge that willful false statements and the like are punishable by fine or imprisonment, or both, under 18 U.S.C. 1001, and may jeopardize the validity of the application or any patent issuing thereon.</p>			
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Sir:

The undersigned, being Assignee of record in the above-identified application by virtue of an Assignment filed concurrently herewith (*a copy of which is attached*), hereby elects, under 37 C.F.R. §3.71, to prosecute the application to the exclusion of the inventors.

The Assignment *filed concurrently herewith* has been reviewed by the undersigned pursuant to 37 C.F.R. §3.73. The undersigned certifies that to the best of the undersigned's knowledge and belief, title remains in the Assignee.

Assignee hereby appoints the following attorney(s) and/or agent(s) to prosecute this application and transact all business in the U.S. Patent and Trademark Office connected therewith:

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ASSIGNMENT OF PATENT APPLICATIONS

WHEREAS, we, David A. Offord, William Ware Jr., Dan B. Millward, David S. Soane, and Manfred A. Young, hereinafter referred to as "Assignors", are inventors of the inventions described and set forth in the applications for United States Letters Patent listed on Schedule A attached hereto (th "Patent Rights"); and

WHEREAS, Nano-Tex, LLC, a California limited liability company (the "Assignee"), having a place of business at 5770 Shellmound St., Emeryville, CA 94608, is desirous of acquiring an interest in the Patent Rights and in any Letters Patent and Registrations which may be granted on the same;

NOW THEREFORE, for good and valuable consideration, the receipt, sufficiency and adequacy of which are hereby acknowledged by Assignors, Assignors do hereby:

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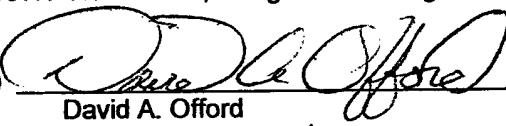
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TO BE BINDING on the heirs, assigns, representatives and successors of the undersigned and extend to the successors, assigns and nominees of the Assignee.

IN TESTIMONY WHEREOF, Assignors have signed their names on the dates indicated.

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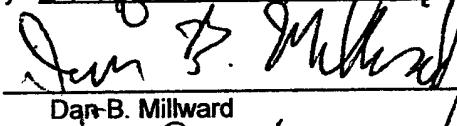
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